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CURRICULUM VITAE OF THE CANDIDATE NOMINATED BY A NATIONAL GROUP

Note by the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by a national group for the election to fill a casual vacancy in the International Court of Justice, caused by the resignation of Judge Stephen Schwebel (United States of America). The nomination of the candidate has been circulated in document A/54/751-S/2000/106. The composition of the Court and the voting procedures to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are contained in a memorandum by the Secretary-General issued as document A/54/750-S/2000/105.

II. CURRICULUM VITAE

Thomas Buergenthal

I. Present positions:

A. Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence; Presiding Director, International Rule of Law Center, The George Washington University Law School (sabbatical 1999-2000);

B. Vice-Chairman, Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland.

II. Previous positions:

A. Academic

Instructor in Legal Method, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, 1961-1962;

Professor of Law, State University of New York (Buffalo) School of Law, 1962-1975;

Fulbright and Jaworski Professor of International Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1975-1980;

Dean and Professor of International Law, Washington College of Law, The American University, 1980-1985;

I. T. Cohen Professor of Human Rights, Emory University School of Law, 1985-1989, Fellow, Carter Centre of Emory University (Director, Human Rights Program);

B. Judicial, quasi-judicial, and investigatory

Judge, Vice President, President, Inter-American Court of Human Rights (1979-1991); Judge, Vice President, President, Administrative Tribunal, Inter-American Development Bank (1989-1994). Member, United Nations Human Rights Committee (1995-1999); Member, United Nations Truth Commission for El Salvador, 1992-1993.

III. Selected professional activities:

A. Public

Chairman, United States Government Delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Specialized Conference on International Education, 1974;

United States expert, UNESCO Meeting of Experts on the Implementation of the 1974 UNESCO Recommendation on International Education, 1976;

Member, Executive Committee, United States National Commission for UNESCO, 1977-1979, 1980-1981;

Chairman, Human Rights Committee, United States National Commission for UNESCO, 1976-1979;

Chief, U.S. Government Representative, UNESCO Executive Board Working Group on Human Rights Procedures, 1977 and 1978;

Member, United States Delegation to UNESCO Executive Board (104th and 105th sessions), 1978;

United States Expert, United Nations ad hoc Interregional Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, The Hague, 1978;

Member, Advisory Board, President's Commission on the Holocaust, 1978-1979;

Vice-President, UNESCO Congress on the Teaching of Human Rights and Chairman, United States Delegation to the Congress (Vienna) 1978;

United States Expert, UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Teaching of Human Rights, 1979;

Public Member, United States Government Delegation, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Copenhagen, June 1990;

Public Member, United States Government Delegation, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe Expert Meeting on Democratic Institutions, Oslo; November 1991;

Member, United States Holocaust Memorial Council, since 1996;

Chairman, Committee on Conscience, United States Holocaust Memorial Council, 1997-1999;

Board of Founders, Costa Rica-United States Foundation, since 1996;

Member, Panels of Conciliators and of Arbitrators, International Centre for Settlement of International Disputes, World Bank, since 1997.

B. Private

Rapporteur, Study Panel on International Human Rights Law and its Implementation, American Society of International Law, 1970-1975;

Member, Board of Directors, International Institute of Human Rights (Rene Cassin Foundation), 1970-1989; Administrative Council, 1990-1994, Strasbourg, France;

Member, Editorial Board, American Journal of Comparative Law, 1966-1977;

Contributor (International Law), Collier's Year Book (annual supplement to Collier's Encyclopedia), 1976-1979;

Coordinator, American Society of International Law Research Project on Helsinki Basket III Problems, 1977;

Member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law, 1977-1980; 1986-1989; Vice President, American Society of International Law 1980-1982; Honorary Vice President, since 1994;

Advisory Committee, 1980-1986, American Law Institute, Restatement on the Foreign Relations Law of the United States; Associate Reporter, 1978-1980;

Member, United Nations Association Advisory Panel on Human Rights, 1978-1979;

Scholar in Residence, United Nations - Latin American Institute for Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD), San Jose, Costa Rica, 1979-1980;

Chairman, Human Rights Committee, International Law and Practice Section, American Bar Association; 1981-1982; 1991-1992;

Member, Administrative Council, Blaustein Institute of Human Rights;

Member, Kuratorium and Scientific Council, Max Planck Institute for Public International Law, Heidelberg, Germany, since 1984;

Chairman, Planning Committee, International Law Workshop, Association of American Law Schools, 1990;

Associate Senior Editor, Governing Rules of International Law Project, American Society of International Law, since 1990;

Lecturer, Inaugural Session, Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 1990;

President, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, 1980-1992; Honorary President since 1992;

Member, Board of Directors, F. M. van Asbeck Centre for Human Rights Studies, University of Leiden, the Netherlands, since 1991;

Lecturer, Hague Academy of International Law, 1992;

Member, Advisory Board, Brazilian Institute of Human Rights, since 1997; Member, Standing Committee on World Order Under Law, American Bar Association, since 1997;

Vice-Chairman, Academic Council, Institute of Transnational Arbitration, since 1998.

IV. Editorial boards:

American Journal of International Law; Human Rights Law Journal; Europäische Grundrechte Zeitschrift; Revue Universelle des Droits de l'Homme; Encyclopedia of Public International Law.

V. Publications:

A list of books, articles and symposia by the candidate is available in the files of the Secretariat.

VI. Selected awards and honours:

Pro-Humanitas Prize, West-Ost Kulturwerk (Federal Republic of Germany) 1978; 1978 UNESCO Human Rights Prize (First Honorable Mention);

1982 Book Award (First Prize) of the Inter-American Bar Association for Protecting Human Rights in the Americas: Selected Problems (1982);

1987 Distinguished Service in Legal Education Award, New York University Law School Association;

1989 Wolfgang G. Friedmann Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in International Law, Columbia University Law School;

1990 Harry Leroy Jones Award for Outstanding Achievements in Foreign and International Law, Washington Foreign Law Society;

1996 The Modern World of Human Rights: Essays in Honor of Thomas Buergenthal (Costa Rica, 1996);

1997 Human Rights Prize, the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights;

1997 Goler T. Butcher Medal for Excellence in Human Rights, American Society of International Law.

VII. Professional organizations:

American Bar Association, American Society of International Law, American Law Institute, Council on Foreign Relations, German Society of International Law, etc.

VIII. Academic degrees:

B.A., Bethany College, West Virginia, 1957;

Juris Doctor, New York University School of Law (Root Tilden Scholar) 1960;

Master of Laws, Harvard Law School (International Legal Studies) 1961;

Doctor of Juridical Science, Harvard Law School (International Legal Studies) 1968;

Doctor of Laws (hon.), Bethany College, 1981;

Dr. jur. (hon.), University of Heidelberg, Germany, 1986;

Dr. jur. (hon.), Free University of Brussels, Belgium, 1994.

IX. Bar memberships:

State of New York; District of Columbia; United States Supreme Court.

X. Languages:

English, German and Spanish (fluent); French (working knowledge); some Polish.